(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair

4200. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan Kendra at Port Blair has been upgraded with the opening of a Studio for production of programmes there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether important events/functions in A and N Islands are also broadcast from the above Kendra;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). A Low Power TV transmitter was initially set up at Port Blair which was commissioned into service in November, 1982. Subsequently, Programme Production Facilities comprising a Studio of 50 sqm. size alongwith associated equipment were provided at this Centre. The Studio Centre was made operational w.e.f. 2.2.96.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Passenger Coaches in Ordinary and Local Trains

4201. SHRI MANAHARAN LAL PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the minimum number of passenger coaches in ordinary and local trains;

(b) whether the passenger coaches are less in number in various passenger and local trains plying under the Bilaspur railway division; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase the number of passenger coaches in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) One coach.

(b) and (c). The normal composition of Passenger trains plying in Bilaspur Division varies from 3-8 coaches depending upon the traffic offering, distance for travel and availability of coaches etc.

Encroachment Clearance

4202. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the houses of only poor people have been demolished under the encroachment clearance compaign undertaken by the management of Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the houses of officers of BSP in the same encroached areas have not been demolished;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken for rehabilitation of the people whose houses have been demolished?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d). No, Sir. However, SAIL has informed that in deference to the order from Hon'ble High Court, Patna in CWJC. 2290/90, unauthorised structures were removed in coordination with local administration irrespective of the category of persons. In two cases of Bokaro Steel Plant employees (one Executive and other non-executive) who have constructed house on BSL land, thereby causing encroachment, could not be removed because of the stay order of Hon'ble High court (Patna Bench).

Halt of Train at Morena Railway Station

4203. SHRI ASHOK ARGAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide halt of any Mail/Express train such as of Mahamaya Express, Goa Express and G.T. Express etc. at Morena Railway Station;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for not making halt of any Mail/Express Train at Morena Railway Station for the last five years;

(d) whether the Government propose to construct any footbridge at Morena Railway Crossing; and

(e) if so, the time which it is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Lack of commercial justification, as 15 Mail/Express trains in Down direction and 14 Mail/Express trains in Up direction already stop at Morena.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.